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## THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

We are glad to find somebody else in the same boat as ourselves about this scheme. We had thought it was the difference of longitude between Ottawa and Victoria which accounted for the cloudiness of our ideas about the progress it was making. We see, however, that the Montreal Star in introducing the discussion of the subject says that, "The most noticeable feature of the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme now before Parliament is the absence of definite information about the details of the project." The Star is somewhat critical. It remarks a certain want of definite sponsorship on the part of the Grand Trunk Railway Company. The promoters are certainly officials and men of prominence in the Grand Trunk railway. But that railway as a corporation does not assume any responsibility for the successful carrying through of the scheme. "Before committing themselves," says the Star, "members would naturally like to know, not only with whom they are dealing, but where the line is going; how much it is going to cost; how big a subsidy is wanted; and how long it is going to take to build. Most vital, perhaps, of all, is the necessity for definite information about the Atlantic terminals." These are exactly the points upon which we have been hazy in the extreme, and we are glad to see that a difficulty in treating the matter intelligently is not confined to this end of the continent.

## THE RUSSIAN MASSACRES.

When we consider what the Jews have given to civilization, and the recompense that civilization has made to the Jews, we ought to feel ashamed. For ages upon ages the Jews were the repository of that whole conception of the cosmos and its ruling Power upon which all our religion, and a great deal of our law, and polity, are based. Jesus Christ, the man-God, was a Jew. The Apostle Paul, the Aristotle of theology, upon whose intellectual level we should be inclined to place not more than four or five human beings known to history, was a Jew. In modern times, the Jewish race has produced many great philosophers, great writers, great musicians not to speak of great financiers, in which it has been prolific. Doubtless the Jews would have produced great statesmen and great soldiers also. They were driven to finance because it was the only avenue in which they were allowed to exercise their energies. Yet, for the great gifts of the Jewish race to Western civilization, they have been repaid by insult, humiliation, persecution and cruelty unimaginable. This is now the twentieth century, yet persecution of the Jews is carried on as openly and as flagrantly as it ever was. At Kishineff, in Russia, only the other day, the Russian mob overwhelmed the Jews, one hundred to one, carrying fire and devastation throughout the entire Jewish district of the city. Like fiends they sprang upon the helpless disarmed Jews, massacring the victims and torturing with every hideous and indescribable outrage. Women were throttled, subjected to every dishonor, or shot down mercilessly. Their children were thrown from windows and butchered before their eyes. Jewish men attempted, even in their unarmed condition, to defend their wives, children and homes, but were shot or butchered mercilessly. For three days the brutal Russian mob roamed the streets, massacring, pillaging, torturing and outraging. No Jew in all Kishineff was unharmed. Not a house or store was left undismembered. The mob, after carrying off all the goods on which they could lay hands, destroyed the rest by pouring kerosene oil thereon and burning. The police, whose duty it was to defend the Jews, openly aided and abetted the mob, and when Jews approached the chief of police and demanded protection, they were thrown out of the police headquarters, and literally torn to pieces by the frenzied Russians. Every synagogue was wrecked. The scrolls of the law, after being desecrated with dirt, were hurled into the flames. The military authorities, who secretly sympathized with the mob, remained perfectly indifferent, and only after the slaughter had become too horrible for the authorities to safely permit its continuing, were the soldiers ordered to check the mob, and put a stop to the fearful scenes. A few days later, in spite of all warnings, violence was renewed, and a still more violent outbreak took place at Tirospol. Here, although but few in number, as compared with their assailants, the Jews made a desperate stand. They managed to seize a magazine of arms, and for several hours held their assailants at bay, among whom were quite a number of police and soldiers, openly helping the mob. Notwithstanding the superior arms of the latter, the Jews fought so desperately that they drove the mob and soldiers back over and over again, and it was only after a long fight that the Jews were overcome by superior numbers, and were slaughtered almost to a man. The streets of the town presented the appearance of a battlefield. Slain Jews, Russian soldiers, police and workmen were lying co-mingled in heaps upon the ground. That is the sort of thing which is going on under the hegemony of modern civilization, in a country which recognizes Christian

ethics as expounded by a Jew to the Jews in the Sermon on the Mount. But we say that these outrages are committed by ignorant Russian peasants. So they are, but the spirit which inspires them, is the spirit of modern civilization towards the Jews, to whom, if to any race on earth, modern civilization owes protection and liberty. The outbreaks of anti-Semitism in France and other European countries among educated people, are not less cruel and ruthless, only less barbarous in their manifestations than the massacres of the Russians. On British soil and in the United States of America, the Jews are free. They betray no ingratitude. On the contrary, they manifest a fine spirit of patriotism, treasuring as a privilege of the Jews, disabilities under which they never should have suffered, the relief of pagan barbarism. What has been the result? They have given freely of their blood, their treasure, and their great talents to the maintenance and prestige of the British Empire. If the British Empire had to fight for its continued existence tomorrow, Great Britain would have no more devoted subjects at home, and no more powerful allies abroad, than the Jews. But that is a matter of sentiment. Justice and liberty are not matters of sentiment; they are matters of right. And the less able any human beings are to assert them for themselves, the more insistent does their right become to receive them from others. The persecution of Jews in Russia or elsewhere, is a blot upon modern civilization, and calls loudly for the interference of every man who believes justice to be the foundation of all proper human relations.

## A PUZZLE.

A most extraordinary puzzle is exercising the authorities of the State of Wisconsin. In fiction it might be made, in fact a similar situation has been made the basis of tragedy, but in actual life the tragic qualities are not more pronounced than its qualities of embarrassment. In 1882 a prosperous farmer got drunk and tried to commit suicide. He was incarcerated in a lunatic asylum as a suicidal maniac, and in an asylum he has been ever since. Now he has been examined by doctors, who declare that he is not insane and never has been insane. A year after he was put in the asylum, his wife secured a divorce and married a man employed on the farm, to whom passed the wife, children and property of the incarcerated farmer. It now transpires that the drinking fit and attempted suicide of this legal lunatic were due to the misconduct of his wife, who used them as an excuse for his subsequent incarceration, and her freedom to take another husband. This at any rate is what a man now declared to be thoroughly sane believes and asserts, and which makes the puzzle, proposes to act upon. In his own mind, he has been the victim of a conspiracy, a conspiracy to which the subsequent circumstances give some color of which, however, he could never get legal proof, and for which he could never get adequate remedy. He knows, nobody else could ever know for certain by any process of legal demonstration, but he knows, and he proposes to kill the woman. He makes no secret of his intention, he recognizes its legal consequences and its moral complexion in the eyes of the world. But in twenty years' brooding over his wrongs he has settled all that long ago, and has made up his mind to kill his former wife. Whatever this determination is, it is not an evidence of insanity. Yet the only ground on which the authorities can hold him is the ground that he is a lunatic. Apparently the only means by which the authorities can prevent a denouement of the tragedy unsuitable to the prosaic soil of North America, is to consider such a fixed determination a sort of constructive legal lunacy, and keep the unfortunate man where he is.

## THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The sittings of a parliamentary committee and a Royal commission in and near Victoria during these last two weeks, and the publication of the evidence heard by them, has filled the popular mind with greater interest in economic and political conditions than ever before. But while these things have been going on, another body of men, whose relation to these conditions is by no means unimportant, has been quietly and without ostentation considering grave moral and religious questions in the city of Victoria. The Methodist conference, which closed its sessions on Wednesday night, was notable in many respects. Visitors at the conference more than once remarked upon the spirited debates and the intelligence with which important questions affecting the public morals were dealt with. The first yearly conference of Methodism took place in the year 1744. In those early assemblies the doctrines of Methodism were discussed, defined and defended; the organization of the church was shaped and perfected, and all the machinery of the growing system was kept in working order. Since that day great changes have taken place in every sphere of life, the gradual unfolding of art and science, the religious and political transformations are simply marvelous to the student of history. The growth of Methodism has not been retarded by those great revolutions which all have a bearing on the social, civil and religious life of the community, which shows that there is no barrier between religion and science when rightly understood. The youngest of the conferences in the Dominion is that of British Columbia, but though young, it is not small in influence or power. The conference which has just closed its sessions in the capital of the province will be recorded as one of the most harmonious and successful since its organization in 1887. It was certainly a representative one in every particular with the exception of the Yukon district, which is too far distant to send a delegate, except at great expense. The conference at the outset paid itself the highest possible compliment by electing to the presidency Rev. James Turner, one of the pioneer ministers of the church in this province. Mr. Turner's name is a household word, and

wherever he is known, his sterling Christian character, consistent religious life, genial good humor and ready Irish wit have endeared him to saint and sinner alike. In the earlier years of the Methodist conference in British Columbia, whenever it was found difficult to secure a suitable minister to take frontier work, such as in Cariboo, and in that vast region now known as the Kootenays, the problem, so far as the conference was concerned, could always be solved by proposing to send Mr. Turner, and he never demurred, stood not upon the order of his going, but went. In this way it was he who laid the foundations in the interior of the province of what is now a flourishing series of churches and missions. He also laid the foundations of Methodism in the Yukon, penetrating that terra incognita almost before the first rush in and, like the spies who went into Canaan, he brought back a report of that goodly land which aroused the church to her responsibilities to the fortune-seekers there. The reports and recommendations of the conference respecting the work of temperance and moral reform, as well as those respecting young people's societies and Sunday schools, show that the Methodist body fully realizes its responsibilities to the rising generation, and some of the orders of the conference will, if carried out, undoubtedly result in more efficient supervision of these with consequently more satisfactory results. Perhaps the most important resolution before the conference, from a public standpoint, was the one on sociology and economic conditions. It would seem to indicate that there is a growing feeling among religious bodies that social and economic questions must be approached, investigated and finally solved along scientific lines, and that this can be accomplished without any diminution of the religious and spiritual elements of the Christian religion. The conference, while emphasizing the supreme importance of the latter, nevertheless gave instructions to its members and ministers to study the standard theories which are so widely accepted as being steps in the right direction so as to be able to hasten remedial legislation whatever form it may finally assume. It will be gratifying to know that, with the inflammatory agitation that is so characteristic of certain sections of the reform elements in society, the same problems as are being discussed by them, are being studied and discussed by a strong religious body with judicial fairness and with an unalterable determination to assist in such reforms as are for the material and moral good of all.

The city gullies of Montreal were given up last Sunday evening to an army of medical men, who laid before the congregations the last word of science with regard to the winning battle civilization is now waging against consumption.

A subterranean observatory is to be established in France for the observation of temperatures, gases and rock strata, by means of borings to very great depths. In scientific research, apart from considerations of immediate utility, France is the leader among the nations.

The balance of trade of the United States for April was \$21,800,000, as against \$23,300,000 for 1902 and \$44,000,000 for 1901. For the ten months of the present year the balance of exports over imports was 359 millions, as against 435 millions in 1901 and 584 millions in 1900. A difference of 225 millions for ten months in two years' time shows a considerable shifting of trade.

We publish a statement this morning which shows that the metalliferous mines of British Columbia have paid over six million dollars in dividends since 1895. The statement is detailed, but appears to exclude a dividend paid by the Le Roi No. 2 at Rossland. However, if we make a proper allowance for profits sunk in development work these dividends do not represent a bad relation to the amount and value of metal produced from the mines. They make a very bad showing on the capitalization of the mines. For that neither the laws, mining conditions nor the mineral bodies of British Columbia are responsible. The money was not spent in British Columbia, but was absorbed by promoters and speculators in Eastern Canada and in Great Britain.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

## SHIPWRIGHTS' UNION.

Sir,—I write to ask the favor of the insertion of the following: A report on page five of this morning's Colonist gives the impression that I was instrumental in causing the rejection of Mr. John Clark by the Shipwrights' union. Now, sir, the facts are as follows: The candidature of Mr. Clark came before a general meeting, but several of the members refused to vote. I was appealed to on a vote we have, No. 12 number rules of order. My ruling was, "that they must vote." Whereupon a motion was carried by a large majority "that all elections be by secret ballot." This was referred to the Trades and Labor Congress at Ottawa, and the grand secretary ruled that the election of Mr. Clark was valid, all elections, and his ruling was unanimously endorsed by the meeting which rejected the candidate, neither I nor any other member saying a word to influence the voting.

## THE HOTEL PROPOSITION.

Sir,—Surely no business man or woman with any interest in Victoria, will think of opposing any reasonable scheme for inducing the C. P. R. to take hold of the above but at the same time we must not forget that though we are giving land that is not likely to be revenue producing for many years to come, yet in ten years' time, when the hotel is built and running full blast it will be of great value to the company, and therefore we might well ask them to do more. Also, as the frontage is a long one, the building would be improved by small C. P. R. which might be used as a first class bathing establishment on one side, and a large hall for entertainment on the other, entailing a total outlay of probably \$500,000, for which we can well afford to give free taxes for 30 or 40 years. In short, the proposition would be, the C. P. R. to build a hotel between Government street and Douglas street, extension free of taxes for say 40 years, and free water for twenty years, and in return bring in salt water in suitable quantity from Beacon Hill. The company, on the other hand, agreeing to spend \$500,000 in a first class modern hotel, a bathing establishment, including plunge bath (100x60) similar in style to the "Laurine" in San Francisco, and a public hall capable of seating 2,000. Further, to commence work at once and spend \$50,000 this year, and \$750,000 each succeeding year to completion. All this is assuming that we are not once more underestimating what the immortal G. M. C. P. R. would term the "Victoria project," to which one feels some qualms in view of the apparent alacrity with which the C. P. R. is ready to have jumped at it, taken with this possible desire to

please numerous people over the Bay just now. Nevertheless, strike the iron when it is hot, if possible; it undoubtedly would be a good thing for

VICTORIA.

## MEN AND THINGS.

The expedition fitted out in France to be conducted by Dr. Charcot to the Arctic seas, will go instead to the Antarctic pole.

For the first time in the history of the United States government the imports have exceeded a billion dollars in a year. The exports are about \$1,400,000,000.

Liverpool has decided to try the suggestion of its city engineer to build workmen's dwellings with concrete slabs made from dust destructor cinders.

The recent census of Scotland and Ireland show them to be almost equal in population, each having but a few more people than the State of Ohio.

The greatest pumping plant in the world is one which draws 3,000,000 gallons of water a day 387 miles to the gold fields at Balla Bulling, Australia.

The trolley car is not drawn or pushed by the electric current at all, but is lifted and again by the attraction of magnets for the armature coils of the motor.

The British post office department handled last year 92 pieces of mail matter per capita of population, while the United States post office department handled 197 pieces per capita.

A lot of typewritten matter was stored in a slightly damp vault for six months. On removal the paper and gall ink signatures were in the best condition, but all traces of typewriting had disappeared.

## DON'T BE A KNOCKER.

"If there's any chance to boom business in our town, boom it. Don't be a knocker. Don't pull a long wise face and get sour on you. Hold up your head. Get on you. Tilted up your head. Get hold with both hands. Then pull. Bury your hatchet. Drop your tomahawk. Hide your little hammer. When a stranger drops in, jolly him. Tell him this is one of the greatest towns on earth. It is. Don't get mad. Don't roost. Just jolly. All men like to be jollyed. So jolly. Get popular. It's dead easy. Help your self along. Push your friends with you. Soon you'll have a whole procession. Be a good fellow."—Ex.

Governor Bailey of Kansas takes the stand that as a rule one ought not to assure the office until he has made some headway in the world's material prosperity and has something laid away for a rainy day. He points to the impossibility of one's saving money when holding office, and pictures the hardships that fall upon a multitude who must inevitably yield their places in the public service to somebody else.

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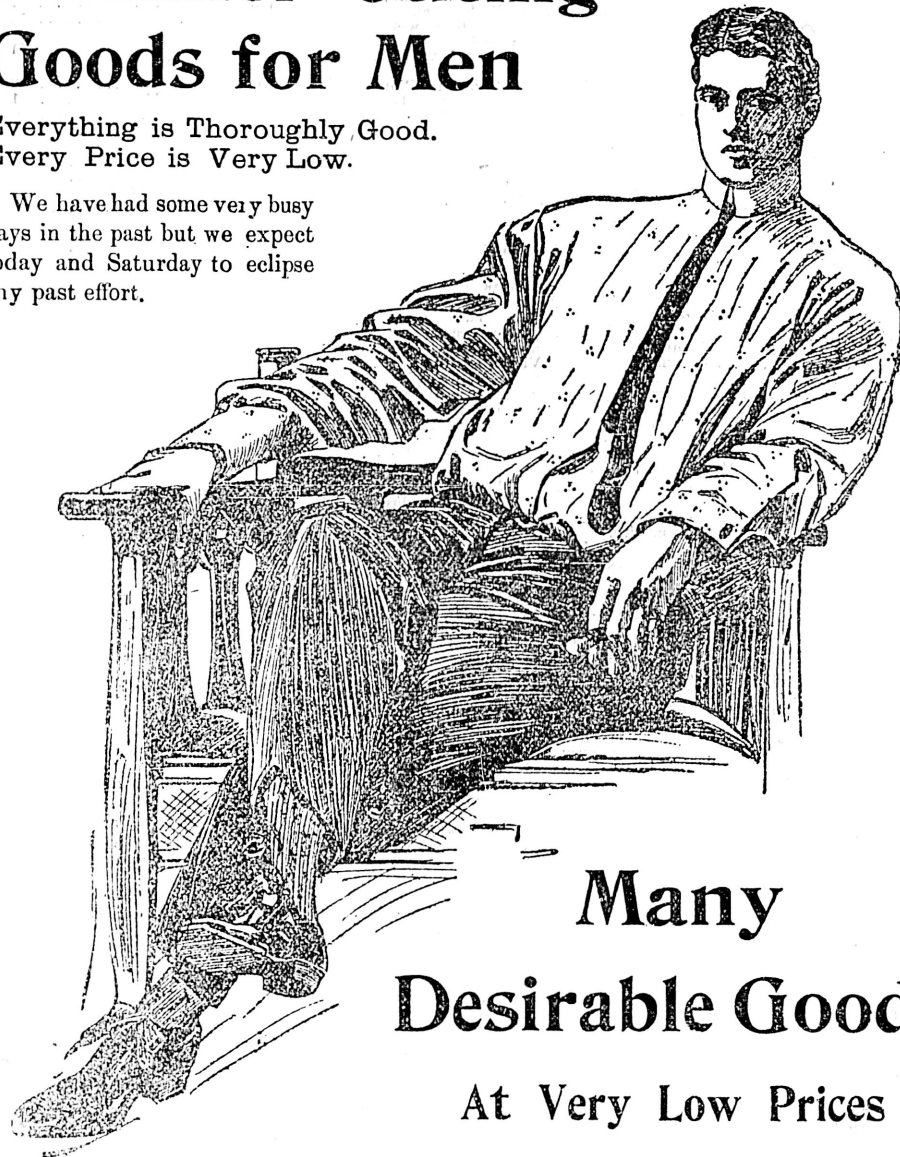
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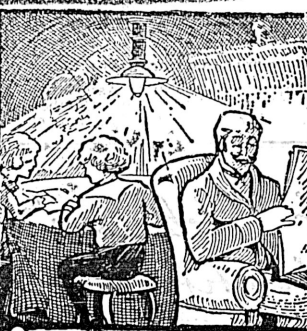
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**Declared a Holiday.**—The Council of Public Instruction has declared Monday, May 25, a holiday, enabling all the school children of the province to participate in the celebration of Victoria Day.**New Boilers.**—Four new boilers built by the Victoria Machinery Depot for the Victoria Lumber Company at Chemainus, have arrived at the mills, and the plant will be shut down in a day or two to have the new boilers installed.**Collision Averted.**—A collision was narrowly averted yesterday morning when the steamer on the coast was being driven to the fire in Victoria West. When the hose wagon was near the steamer, the bell clanging noisily, an express wagon came on the Government street, and the hose wagon was within an ace of colliding with the express.**Lorne in Parade.**—The tug Lorne has been ordered by the Puger Sound Tugboat Company for the purpose of taking part in the marine parade to take place there on Saturday afternoon in honor of the coming of a fresh wind from the south. The tug Lorne is at Port Townsend, having gone there yesterday with the ship Barlowe from Chemainus. The Barlowe loaded lumber at Chemainus and went to Port Townsend to ship a crew.**The Chamer.**—The rumor is being revived that the C. P. R. Company will place the steamer on the coast route this summer. It is said by those circulating the report that the steamer Chamer will be placed on that route when the Princess Victoria takes the Victoria-Vancouver route, and then referring to the Princess Victoria being placed on the run from Vancouver to Seattle via Victoria, was denied by Capt. Truop some days ago.**Another Improvement.**—Under the recommendation of the city engineer, a permanent sidewalk is to be laid on the north side of Courmorant street from Government to Storey. The sidewalk is badly needed, the wooden sidewalk at present in existence being in a bad state of disrepair. It was originally intended to pave the south side of the street, but investigation showed that it is more badly needed on the opposite side.**Flying New Flag.**—The steamers of the C. P. R. Company now in port are all flying the C. P. R. house flag instead of the old C. P. N. colors, the change having been effected at the beginning of this week. When the steamer Queen arrived from her last trip from the West Coast she had the old C. P. N. flag flying as she entered the harbor, but when the red and white checker board house flag of the C. P. R. was seen on the other vessels, it was promptly hauled down.**Salt Spring Creamery.**—Those who have been working in an endeavor to arrange for the establishment of a salt spring creamery at Salt Spring Island, and have been successful in their efforts. It is proposed to go on at once with the building at Ganges Harbor, and get the creamery running as soon as possible. The following is a list of officers: President, H. W. Bullock; vice-president, G. Scott; directors, S. T. Conroy, W. E. Scott, Edward Walters, treasurer, E. Lee, J. R. Leigh, J. Horne, J. Harrison, secretary, H. O. Allen.**Summer Concerts Arranged.**—Charles Hayward, president of the Tourist Association, and a committee of citizens have succeeded in making arrangements whereby a number of the Douglas estate is again available for summer entertainments such as were in operation last year. The property obtained comprises eight lots, and includes the old residence of Sir James Douglas and some fine oak trees, and is by a long way the most suitable property for this purpose that could be secured. Arrangements are now being made with responsible parties to provide amusements during the summer months.**Successful Musical.**—The musical given by the Masses Sowercroft proved a very enjoyable and successful affair. The following ladies and gentlemen assisted the Masses Sowercroft in the programme: Mrs. G. J. Burnett, Miss Barker, Miss Nora McCoy, the Misses Stoddard, Mrs. J. Manville Williams, of Calville, Wash., and Messrs. Sowercroft, O'Neil, Gordon, and Leung. While every number was well received, special enthusiasm greeted Mrs. Burnett and Mrs. Williams in their singing. Miss Stoddard and J. Longfield in their violin duet, and Miss Nora McCoy in her recitation.**"What Strike?"**—At the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Phil R. Smith, a member of the committee appointed to wait on Sir Thomas Shaughnessy during his stay in the city and attempt a settlement of the strike, Mr. Smith's proposal was voted down. The meeting feeling that Sir Thomas would not accept a situation in which the Mayor Neelds of Vancouver got the answer which would have been given the Chamber of Commerce deputation, as will be seen from the following telegram forwarded to him: "On Line, May 18, 1903. Mayor Neelds, Vancouver: Referring to your letter of today I know of no dispute between our employees and the company, and I must respectfully decline to discuss the subject with the committee to whom you refer. Yours very truly, (Signed), T. G. Shaughnessy."**Investigation Held.**—An inquiry was held this week by Capt. Salmon, chief of the Board of Marine Examiners, who arrived from Ottawa to make examinations of mates and masters, touching upon the complaint by Capt. Mr. Stone, Methodist missionary at Chemainus, against W. P. Daykin, light-house-keeper at Carmanah Point. The complaints were mainly of causing annoyance to the missionary and of interfering with the Indians of his regular parish. The light-house-keeper was summoned from Carmanah and arrived at once. The reverend gentleman was in Victoria attending the conference. Capt. Salmon was unaware until after his arrival in Victoria that he was to hold an inquiry. The evidence taken has been referred to Ottawa.**Roosevelt's Visit.**—A considerable number of Victorians intend going across the Sound to witness the reception to President Roosevelt. The head of the great nation arrives at Seattle on May 23 at 1:30 p.m., and leaves for Everett at 3:30 p.m., returning again to Seattle at 9:30 p.m. A flotilla of all the boats in Seattle harbor will meet President Roosevelt's steamer at Alki Point and follow it to Seattle, and when he starts to Everett this flotilla will accompany him to West Point light. The flotilla will leave here at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, reaching Seattle in time to witness the marine procession. Going over to night will be a civic delegation, consisting of His Worship Mayor McCandless, Ald. Graham, Barnard, Dinsdale and Yates.**Macdonald Memorial.**—The Colonist is in receipt of a letter from Donald C. Fraser, of Scots Corporation Hall, Crane Court, London, a member of the committee on the "Macdonald Memorial Fund" enclosing a copy of an appeal for contributions, which is now being distributed throughout the world. It is explained that at a public meeting of Scots residents in London on April 17, it was decided that a permanent memorial should be established in London, as the capital of the Empire, in relation to whose name occurs such a large number of names. Duke of Argyll is president of the fund; Mr. Samuel Greenleaf, chairman; Dr. Paragur Matheson, J. P., and Mr. William Grant, honorary treasurers, Scots Corporation Hall, Crane Court, Fleet street, E. C. Subscriptions of any amount will be gladly received and duly acknowledged by the bankers or the honorary treasurers.**Celebration Programme.**—The official programme for the celebration, which has been compiled by Secretary Moresby, is now on the Colonist presses, and is expected to be issued today.**Returning Home.**—The delegates to the missionary conference resident on the northern British Columbia coast returned to their villages when the steamers Tees sailed for Naas and way ports last night. There were quite a number of the Methodist conference resident on the steamer.**Drawing to a Close.**—The time advertised for the closing of the doors of the Sterling dry goods store, 39 Government street, is drawing to a close, only five days being left for the closing out of a large amount of general dry goods, and as everything must go, an opportunity of obtaining bargains at small prices will be available.**Conference with Carpenters.**—Representatives from the trades engaged in the building industry met the carpenters' committee last evening and finally decided on the course of action to be taken. All parties declined to disclose the course of action to be adopted, but it is believed that drastic measures will be resorted to.**Chinese Will Race.**—A feature of the regatta on Monday will be the Chinese race, which has been added as an extra. All Chinatown is excited over the event. The Chinese are anxious to secure sailing boats for the Celestials for the race, and Tim Kee is getting uniforms made for the contestants. The onlookers from Chinatown will commence practising today.**By Heliograph.**—A novel test of the capabilities of the heliographic method of transmitting messages long distances will be made on Monday next, when an effort will be made to send the results of the sports in Victoria by this method to Vancouver, utilizing instruments placed on Mount Mainland and similar eminences on the Mainland. A more extensive test of the proposed "heliograph" is contained in the Colonist's despatches this morning.**Chinese on Strike.**—The Chinese canny employees have gone on strike for a local of forty dollars to secure a, instead of the twenty dollars paid last season. A number of Chinese have been the Northern canneries arrived by the steamer Tees on her down trip intending to go North when the steamer left last night with a number of Chinese, but as a result of the fact that the Chinese are striking out for the increased sum, few went North on the Tees.**The Difference.**—The difference between Karn pianos and Fred Carne's hams and becons are not so very great after all—one being "something awfully nice to hear," while the other is "something awfully nice to eat." The all and as most and drink are the two great essentials to life, the consensus of opinion would be unanimously in favor of Fred Carne's high-grade hams and becons—with a bottle or two of his fine Canadian whisky, a trip to Shawanigan or Cowichan river, would be all right.**'Britain of the Pacific.'**—The agent-general for British Columbia, the Hon. J. H. Turner, gave an illustrated lecture on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at Leigh, Lancashire, in which he referred to the great resources and the many attractions of his province, to which he gives the above title, says the B. C. Review. The lecture, which was well attended, and many complimentary remarks thereon appeared in the local press. On the same evening Mr. Turner spoke at the fifth annual dinner of the Leigh and District Master Builders' Association.**Indian Canoe Race.**—Chief Cooper, of the Stogies tribe, has organized a canoe race, that twelve canoes, two of them new, and one 48 feet long, will come to Victoria to compete in the war canoe race at the regatta. Values will send two canoes, Kuper Island will send two, Chemainus two, and Chemainus two. Samich two, and Chemainus and Cowichan will send canoes. Much interest is being taken by the Indians in the race. There would also have been canoes from the north state side, but for the fact that the Lumbe, Lacouvi and Shoshoni Indians are getting up a race for President Roosevelt's visit.**FRUIT GROWERS.**

Agricultural Department Issues Bulletin Containing Valuable Information.

The Department of Agriculture has just issued Bulletin No. 12 containing a compact form much useful information for fruit-growers. Valuable hints are given on the most desirable locality to be selected for a commercial orchard. It is pointed out that great care should be exercised in choosing a situation in this province, "for the reason that the periods of activity and dormancy in plant life are by no means as clearly defined as in many countries, and thus applied more particularly to that part of the country bordering on the sea coast, where many plants often remain in bloom through the winter. Experience has shown that western and southern exposures are not well adapted for orchards, such exposures tend to produce early growth, and in case of late frosts the influence of the early morning sun acting injuriously on the trees." The above is a mere extract, and is quoted for the purpose of indicating the nature and the value of the bulletin by the bulletin. Attention is also devoted to the character of the various soils adapted to the growth of the different fruits. The preparation of the land, laying out an orchard, when to plant, grading, uses of trees for planting, pruning and shaping the tree, the most profitable kinds of trees to be planted, are some of the many subjects taken up and dealt with in a most interesting manner. Probable information is as far as possible "Where and How to Buy," "Good Advice to Buyers of Trees," "Manuring and Mulching," "Irrigation," "Subsequent Treatment," and "Grafting." Bulletin No. 12 reflects credit on the Department of Agriculture, and the dissemination of the information therein among provincial orchardists will tend to greatly enhance the profits of our fruit growers.

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